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Sent: 5/11/2012 3:31:07 PM
To: "Roy Seneca/R3/USEPA/US@EPA" <Seneca.Roy@epamail.epa.gov>
CC:
Subject: Re: EPA Releases Fourth Set of Sampling Results for Dimock Wells

Hi Roy,

By my count, the EPA released statements that it planned to re-sample three wells from the first round of sampling, one from the second and one from the third. Is the fifth well (the one not receiving replacement water) not being retested?

Thanks,

Laura

On Fri, May 11, 2012 at 2:32 PM, Roy Seneca <Seneca.Roy@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

There were a few homes in earlier rounds of testing with arsenic levels that required another round of tests (other than the four wells you referred to below). What is the status of that sampling?

EPA is only re-sampling the four wells where previous Cabot and state sampling data showed levels of contaminants that pose a health concern but where EPA's sampling did not detect levels that would require action.

Also, has the resident with very elevated arsenic levels in the last round of tests accepted replacement water at this point?

No, this resident has not accepted replacement water.

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From: Laura Legere <llegere@timeshamrock.com>

To: Roy Seneca/R3/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 05/11/2012 12:49 PM

Subject: Re: EPA Releases Fourth Set of Sampling Results for Dimock Wells

Thanks, Roy.

There were a few homes in earlier rounds of testing with arsenic levels that required another round of tests (other than the four wells you referred to below). What is the status of that sampling?

Also, has the resident with very elevated arsenic levels in the last round of tests accepted replacement water at this point?

Laura

On Fri, May 11, 2012 at 12:43 PM, Roy Seneca <Seneca.Roy@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

Laura -

We have now completed sampling of 61 homes included in our assessment. (Data is only posted for 59 homes because there are two homes where we were not able to contact residents and provide them with data.)

To provide certainty to residents and ensure a thorough and accurate analysis, EPA will resample the four wells where previous Cabot and state data showed levels of contaminants that pose a health concern but where EPA's initial round of sampling data did not detect levels that would require action. EPA is also following-up with 3 homeowners who expressed interest in initial sampling but have not yet scheduled a time for the sampling to take place.

Once all of the sample results are complete, we will conduct a comprehensive review to determine if there are any trends or patterns in the data as it relates to home well water quality. Our actions will continue to be based on the best available science and legal authorities.

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From: Laura Legere <llegere@timeshamrock.com>
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Subject: Re: EPA Releases Fourth Set of Sampling Results for Dimock Wells

Hi Roy,
Thanks for sending out the data.
I had two questions:
Why didn't the EPA post the data for two wells: HW07 and HW53?
What are EPA's next steps in the investigation?

Thanks,
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On Fri, May 11, 2012 at 11:19 AM, Roy Seneca <Seneca.Roy@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:
EPA has completed and shared with residents and Pennsylvania state officials the fourth set of sampling for 12 private drinking water wells in Dimock, Pa. This set of sampling did not show levels of contaminants that would give EPA reason to take further action. At one well, EPA found an elevated level of methane and informed the resident, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Susquehanna County Emergency Management Agency. Throughout EPA's work in Dimock, the Agency has used the best available scientific data to provide clarity to Dimock residents and address their concerns about the safety of their drinking water.

For more information on the sampling results, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/states/pa.html>

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